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French Seek to Construct Tracking Station in Brazil: Jean Binoche, French ambassador to Brazil, called on Brazilian Foreign Office Secretary General, Ambassador Correa de Costa, on 6 November to discuss "eventual installation by France of a telemetry station for tracking artificial satellites in Brazil." The station, according to reports, is to be located in Ceara near Fortaleza, approximately 1000 miles ESE of the French Guiana space center. Brazil's Foreign Office informed reporters of the newspaper Ultima Hora that the proposed station, now in the initial discussion phase, would make observations on satellites launched not only by France, but by any other country.

Comment: The primary purpose of a telemetry tracking station on Brazil's north coast probably would be down-range tracking of missiles launched from the French Guiana launch complex.